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**REMARKS**

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of Claim 19, and the indication of the allowability of the subject matter of Claims 2 through 11, as set forth at page 3 of the Office Action. In particular, the latter claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For the reasons set forth hereinafter, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims which remain of record in this application are now allowable.

By the foregoing amendment, Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of those claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is considered moot.

In addition, Claims 1, 19 and 20 have been cancelled, and Claims 2, 3, 5 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form. Applicants note that, as indicated above, Claim 19 has been previously allowed. Nevertheless, Claim 19 is considered to be commensurate in scope with Claim 2, which has been rewritten in independent form, and Claim 19 has been cancelled solely to avoid incurring unnecessary additional fees.

Accordingly, all claims which remain of record in this application have either been previously indicated to contain allowable subject matter, or have been amended to depend from a claim which is directed to allowable subject matter.

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In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080437.52234US).

Respectfully submitted,



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